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Docket No. GC372

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Timothy Fowler et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1636

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2005 finally rejecting the pending claims.

This Response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final action.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

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